

# Senate Bill 973

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to forecast statewide allowable growth factor of general operating revenue per community college student. Directs department to project appropriation amount necessary to provide funding for growth factor.

Directs Commissioner for Community College Services to calculate amount available to each community college district if projected appropriation amount is available to community college districts.

Creates Community College Revenue Forecast Committee to review growth factor.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to community college finance; and declaring an emergency.

2 Whereas the primary source of revenue for community colleges is the state General Fund; and

3 Whereas the state's calculation of a current service level budget for community colleges has not  
4 and cannot be developed at the level of detail as for other state programs; and

5 Whereas community colleges require additional and more timely information on reasonable as-  
6 sumptions of a current service level budget to assist them in planning for their annual budgets; now,  
7 therefore,

8 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

9 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services annually shall de-**  
10 **termine a statewide allowable growth factor of general operating revenue per full-time**  
11 **equivalent student that can reasonably be expected for each of the next three fiscal years**  
12 **by community college districts, as defined in ORS 341.005. In determining the statewide al-**  
13 **lowable growth factor, the department shall consider:**

14 **(a) Projected changes in the costs of personal services, other services and supplies and**  
15 **capital costs; and**

16 **(b) Forecasted local revenues and other revenues that are available to community col-**  
17 **leges as forecasted by the department and by the Legislative Fiscal Officer, the Legislative**  
18 **Revenue Officer and the Department of Revenue.**

19 **(2) For each of the next three fiscal years, the Oregon Department of Administrative**  
20 **Services shall determine the amount that is necessary to be appropriated or allocated to the**  
21 **Community College Support Fund established in ORS 341.620. The amount under this sub-**  
22 **section must equal (the growth factor per full-time equivalent student multiplied by the**  
23 **projected number of community college students) minus the sum of local revenues and other**  
24 **revenues forecasted for community college districts.**

25 **(3) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall include the growth factor**  
26 **and the amount determined under subsection (2) of this section in the revenue report issued**  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 by the department under ORS 291.342 (2) for the calendar quarter that includes December.

2 (4) Prior to January 31 of each year, the Commissioner for Community College Services  
3 shall calculate the projected amounts to be available to each community college district un-  
4 der current statutes and rules relating to the distribution of the Community College Support  
5 Fund if the amount determined under subsection (2) of this section is available to the com-  
6 munity college districts. Prior to January 31 of each year, the commissioner shall provide  
7 to each community college district the amount calculated for that district under this section  
8 for the next fiscal year beginning on July 1.

9 (5) A community college district shall use the amount calculated for the district under  
10 this section in the preparation of the budget of the district and for other matters relating  
11 to the expenditures of the district, including collective bargaining, contractual commitments  
12 and program changes.

13 (6) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule procedures for community college  
14 districts to report to the commissioner any conditions that may prevent the district from  
15 operating within the amount calculated for that district under this section.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is created the Community College Revenue Forecast Committee,  
17 consisting of 10 members as follows:

18 (a) A representative of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, who is ap-  
19 pointed by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and who shall  
20 serve as chairperson of the committee.

21 (b) A representative of the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Develop-  
22 ment, appointed by the Commissioner for Community College Services.

23 (c) Two members selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Oregon Community  
24 College Association and appointed by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administra-  
25 tive Services.

26 (d) Two members who represent community college employees, appointed by the Director  
27 of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

28 (e) The Legislative Revenue Officer or a designee.

29 (f) The Legislative Fiscal Officer or a designee.

30 (g) A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.

31 (h) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House  
32 of Representatives.

33 (2) The committee shall review the statewide allowable growth factor forecasted by the  
34 Oregon Department of Administrative Services under section 1 of this 2007 Act.

35 (3) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction  
36 of business.

37 (4) Official action by the committee requires the approval of a majority of the members  
38 of the committee.

39 (5) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-  
40 ment to become immediately effective.

41 (6) The committee shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
42 or of a majority of the members of the committee.

43 (7) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the  
44 committee.

45 (8) Members of the committee who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not

1 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
2 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
3 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
4 of the committee shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Department of Ad-  
5 ministrative Services for that purpose.

6 (9) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and community colleges  
7 are directed to assist the committee in the performance of its duties and, to the extent  
8 permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the  
9 members of the committee consider necessary to perform their duties.

10 SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
11 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect  
12 July 1, 2007.

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